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Gentlemen:

It is with great pleasure we learn that the Board has elected to form the 'Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee' ("RETAC"). We suggest that one of the first duties should be to develop matrix reporting criteria that can be used by all stakeholders to determine the performance of railroads as it relates to energy commodities. It is our experience, which we have stated before the Board on numerous occasions that the railroads' overall service and performance is deteriorating. Average train speed is decreasing and on time deliveries are less frequent. It is our hope that this Committee will provide the Board with a very broad perspective of railroad issues and their shipper impact.

As a result, it is imperative that the Advisory Committee is staffed appropriately. Entergy strongly supports the nominations to this committee as provided by the Edison Electric Institute on August 09, 2007, and proposes as representatives for investor owned utilities the following:

Mr. Richard C. Kelly
Chairman, President and CEO
XCEL Energy Inc.

Mr C Joseph Hopf
President
PPL Energy Plus. LLC

Ms Gianna M Mannes
Senior Vice President – Portfolio Optimization & Fuels
Duke Energy Corporation

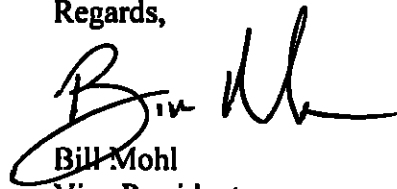
Mr Charles E. Zebula
Senior Vice President – Fuels, Emissions and Logistics
American Electric Power

Each of these senior executives is experienced in electrical generation issues, particularly as they relate to coal transportation. Each nominee has expressed a desire to serve and is willing to serve for a two (2) year period. In addition to investor owned utility nominations, Entergy is pleased with and fully supports the following nominations:

Mr. Duane Richards from Western Fuels Association
Mr. Mike Rayphole from Peabody Energy Group
Ms. Betsy Monsue from Foundation Coal Company
Mr. John Eaves from Arch Coal Company

Again, we thank the Board for the implementation of this Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee.

Regards,



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